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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 17601.41a.1.1.1.3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
	Randolf Von Oepen, et al.)	
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Serial No.:	10/743,857)	3773
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Filed:	December 22, 2003)	
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For:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A STENT)	
	HAVING AN EXPANDABLE WEB)	
	STRUCTURE)	
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Confirmation No.:	9100)	
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Examiner:	Vy Q. Bui)	
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Customer No.:	57360)	

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for conducting the interview with Applicants' representative on June 8, 2010. In the amendment filed prior to the interview, claims 36-63, 65, 73-75, 77-78 and 86-118 were canceled. During the interview, currently pending claims 64, 66-72, 76, and 79-85 were discussed. As discussed at the interview and as noted by the Examiner in the Interview Summary, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0075716 to Yan

(Yan) is not qualifying art as to the pending claims.¹ Thus, the Examiner agreed that the claims were allowable over the art of record.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Specifically, the pending claims are supported by the originally filed German Application No. 19840645.2 filed September 5, 1998 to which the present application claims priority.